GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1921
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2006
FOREST RIGHTS BILL
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai;Singh Shri Sugrib;Yadav Shri Baleshwar

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to consider Forest Rights Bill;

(b) if so, whether the GoM on the Forest Rights Bill has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the said group; and

(d) the action taken so far on such recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Group of Ministers (GOM) constituted to consider the issues relating to the Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill, 2005 as introduced in the Lok Sabha on 13.12.2005 met on 20.7.2006 and 13.11.2006 and has given certain recommendations to harmonise the issues brought up during discussions in the Cabinet and to finalise official amendments to the Bill. The Ministry is now taking further action to finalise the Bill as per the established procedure.